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News and Events

Commencement Week Success



More than 650 graduates participated in Saturday's Commencement, arguably the largest in GSU's history. The ceremony took place in the greatly expanded Tinley Park Convention Center, which allowed for nearly 4,700 attendees. Family and friends who were unable to attend also watched around the world via a live webcast produced by DLMD.

Educator and author Vivian Gussin Paley was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters and inspired students with her Commencement remarks by encouraging them to remain children at heart.

Graduation capped off a weeklong series of events including the university's second doctoral hooding ceremony and a distinguished lecture by Gussin Paley. GSU's next Commencement ceremony will take place on Saturday, May 19, 2012.

Fall Registration Begins Today

Priority registration for Fall courses begins today. Registration will take place in the new [myGSU student information portal](#). Students received new login, password, and e-mail information by mail.

The university has also upgraded the student e-mail system to Microsoft Live@edu, which provides significantly more storage space and other user functions than the previous e-mail accounts.

Students who have problems accessing the new system or who need assistance with registration should contact the GSU Helpdesk at 708.534.4357.

Registration Resources:

- [Registration Instructions](#) (PDF)
- [Registration System Tutorials](#)
- [Schedule of Classes](#)
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Take Me Out...

Today is the final day to purchase tickets to the Joliet Slammers game on June 19. The Grow Ticket sales are part of a fundraiser for Grow Your Own South Suburban Consortium, which supports educating teachers from the community for the community.

Tickets are available for the Joliet Slammers for only \$10 each. The Slammers play ball at Silver Cross Stadium and the first pitch is at 6:05 p.m.



Included with each ticket is entry into a drawing for an authentic Chicago Cubs jersey signed by pitcher Kerry Wood. The more tickets you buy the more chances you have to win the jersey.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact [Andrea DalPolo](#) at ext. 4582. Checks must be made payable to the GSU Foundation.

June Alt Cert Info Session

Learn how to earn elementary or middle school teacher certification and secure a teaching position through Governors State University's Alternative Certification Program. Information sessions will be held on Wednesday, June 8, in Engbretson Hall.

The Alternative Teacher Certification program offers three ways to earn certification and embark on a new, rewarding career in education. The Teacher Quality Partnership (TQP) leads to a master's degree in education and teacher certification. TQP provides an opportunity to co-teach for a year with a certified teacher, a \$30,000 stipend, and a 25 percent reduction in tuition. TQP is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

The Alternative Certification Program also offers the opportunity for teachers to teach full-time as they earn a salary and their teacher certification. In addition, there are also reduced salary teacher residency opportunities, which also lead to teacher certification.

This program is open to college graduates with five years of work experience after receiving a bachelor's degree. The application deadline for the Alternative Certification program, beginning Spring 2012, is December 15.



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